



ELECTION NEWS

A special informational bulletin on the implementation of Michigan's new "consolidated elections" legislation

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Local school board candidates, community college trustee candidates and district library board candidates who wish to seek office at the November 8, 2005 election must file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2005. A \$100.00 nonrefundable filing fee may be filed by the candidate in lieu of a petition. The candidate withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2005.

If the population of the district is less than 10,000, the candidate's petition must contain a minimum of 6 signatures; no more than 20 signatures can be filed to cover the minimum signature requirement. If the population of the district is 10,000 or more, the candidate's petition must contain minimum of 40 signatures; no more than 100 signatures can be filed to cover the minimum signature requirement.

The filing deadline for community college trustee candidates and district library board candidates was moved to the twelfth Tuesday prior to the election under a seven-bill package of amendments enacted into law earlier this month to facilitate the administration of Michigan's new "consolidated elections" laws.

As a further effect of the amendments, community college trustee candidates are now subject to the petition signature requirements provided under Michigan election law, MCL 168.303, and have a \$100.00 filing fee option as noted above.

A calendar of dates and deadlines associated with the November 8, 2005 election can be accessed through the Department's website <www.michigan.gov/sos>.

Election Resources Available on Department's Website

The following information can be accessed through the Department's website:

- September 13, 2005, city primary date calendar.
- September 13, 2005 village election calendar.
- November 8, 2005 city general election date calendar.
- November 8, 2005 election date calendar for local school district elections, community college district elections, district library elections and special elections.
- Candidate filing requirements for August 8, 2006 statewide primary
- Listing of important dates and deadlines associated with the August 8, 2006 statewide primary and November 7, 2006 statewide general election.
- Provisional balloting materials. ("Four Step Procedure Form," "Notice to Voters Unable to Satisfy Identification Requirement and/or Residence Verification Requirement," "Procedure for Handling 'Envelope' Ballots Returned to Clerk's Office," and "Provisional Ballot Report Form.")
- Federal ID requirement notice.